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1. THE CAC OPENING CEREMONY WAS HELD ON SCHEDULE MAY 24, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE AMBASSADOR, NSF DIRECTOR RICHARD ATKINSON, AND NAS PRESIDENT PHILIP HANDLER (DESCRIBED IN WARSAW 4409). IN RESPONSE TO DR. ATKINSON'S REQUEST, THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (PAN) HAD PROVIDED WRITTEN ASSURANCES IN AN AIDE-MEMOIRE SIGNED BY PAN SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY JAN KACZMAREK ABOUT UTILIZATION OF THE CAC. THIS DOCUMENT STATES THAT ALL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AT THE CAC WILL BE COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE AND OPEN, THAT THE SMALL GROUP OF OUTER SPACE PHYSICISTS WHO WILL TEMPORARILY SHARE THE QUARTERS WILL CARRY OUT ENTIRELY OPEN AND UNCLASSIFIED RESEARCH, AND THAT THEY WILL NOT STAY BEYOND TWO YEARS. THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IN ENGLISH AND POLISH HAS BEEN POUCHED TO OES/APT/SEP, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO NSF.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. ATKINSON ON MAY 23, SCIENCE MINISTER KALISKI AND VICE MINISTER KUJAWSKI REPEATED THEIR EARLIER ASSURANCES (WARSAW 3813 AND 3619) THAT NO CLASSIFIED WORK OF ANY NATURE WOULD BE CARRIED
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OUT BY ANYONE AT THE CAC, AND THAT THE POLES WERE PREPARED TO BE ENTIRELY FLEXIBLE IN RESPONDING TO US WISHES ABOUT UTILIZATION OF THE CAC.

3. IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS, KALISKI AND KUJAWSKI RE-EMPHASIZED THE HIGH
HOPE THEY ATTACH TO THE OVERALL US-POLISH

PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND THEIR GREAT INTEREST IN ARRANGEMENTS TO CARRY ON COOPERATION BEYOND 1981 WHEN THE JOINT FUND AGREEMENT TERMINATES. IN RESPONSE TO DR. ATKINSON'S INQUIRY ABOUT WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IN MIND CONCERNING FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS, KUJAWSKI SKETCHED A RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES INVOLVING EITHER AN EXTENSION OF THE JOINT FUND MECHANISM OR A WHOLLY DIFFERENT SET-UP. HE INDICATED HIS MINISTRY'S PREFERENCES WERE FOR A MORE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH NSF THAN NOW EXISTS AND ONE THAT WOULD NOT INVOLVE PAN AS AN INTERMEDIARY. HE ALSO SAID HIS MINISTRY COULD ACT IN A COORDINATING ROLE WITH OTHER POLISH AGENCIES. DR. ATKINSON EXPRESSED NSF'S BROAD INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPLORING SOME SORT OF AGENCY-TO-AGENCY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE SCIENCE MINISTRY. THE DISCUSSION REMAINED ON A GENERAL PLANE.

4. WHEN DRS. ATKINSON AND HANDLER AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE US GROUP CALLED ON PAN PRESIDENT NOWACKI IN MID-AFTERNOON OF MAY 23, OTHER SENIOR PAN OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN A GENERAL BRIEFING ABOUT PAN'S ACTIVITIES, WITH SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY KACZMAREK MAKING THE MAIN PRESENTATION. PAN ALSO ARRANGED A SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR DR. HANDLER WHEN THE NSF DELEGATION WAS OCCUPIED AT THE SCIENCE MINISTRY. THE ACADEMY HELD SEVERAL SOCPRL EVENTS, INCLUDING A DINNER AT JABLONNA PALACE ON MAY 23, A LUNCHEON

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FOR DR. ATKINSON AT NIEBOROW PALACE ON MAY 25, VISITS TO CHOPIN'S BIRTHPLACE AND TO TRADITIONAL CORPUS CHRISTI DAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE SCIENCE MINISTRY APPREARED RELUCTANT TO TAKE OVER MANY OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ARRANGEMENTS FROM PAN, BUT MINISTER KALISKI GAVE A LUNCHEON ON MAY 23, AND MINISTRY STAFF MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITS TO CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS IN OLD TOWN ON MAY 24 AFTER THE CAC CEREMONY. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO GAVE A LUNCHEON ON MAY 26.

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